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SUBJ: UNDP 19TH GC--COUNTRY PROGRAM AND PROJECT  
REVIEW AND APPROVAL FOR EUROPE, MEDITERRANEAN  
AND MIDDLE EAST

SUMMARY: UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL JANUARY 16 APPROVED  
COUNTRY PROGRAMS FOR ALBANIA, BAHRAIN, OMAN, AQATAR  
AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, AND TWO LARGE SCALE COUNTRY  
PROJECTS SYR/72/005 "STRENGTHENING EXPLORATORY DEEP  
DRILLING CAPABILITY OF MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM NAD  
MINERAL RESOURCES" AND EGY/74/015 "MASTER PLAN STUDIES  
FOR CANAL ZONE." ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR EUROPE  
MEDITERRANEAN AND MIDDLE EAST MAKIEDO STRESSED  
ADHERANCE ALL FIVE CP'S TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
PRIORITIES RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. NOTED HIGH COST  
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BOTH LARGE SCALE PROJECTS, BUT STRESSED OBJECTIVE SYRIAN

PROJECT TRAINING NOT, REPEAT NOT, EXPLORATION.  
NOTED EGYPTIAN PROJECT PROVIDED FOR ASSISTANCE TO  
GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT TO FINANCE FOREIGN EXCHANGE  
COSTS OF CONTRACTS ALREADY EXECUTED BY GOVERNMENT;  
STRESSED THIS EXCEPTIONAL AND NOT, REPEAT NOT, PRECEDENT  
FUTURE ACTION. EGYPTIAN OBSERVER DESCRIBED IMPORTANCE  
OF CANAL PROJECT. TWENTY SEVEN DELEGATIONS INTERVENED  
IN DISCUSSION CP'S AND PROJECTS. END SUMMARY.

1. ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR MAKIEDO MADE BRIEF INTRO-  
DUCTORY OBSERVATIONS ON 5CP'S AND 2 COUNTRY PROJECTS  
BEING PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL HIS REGION. NOTED THREE  
FEATURES SHARED BY ALL FOUR ARAB COUNTRIES WHOSE PROGRAMS  
PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL; (1) ECONOMIES DEPENDENT ON OIL  
PRODUCTION, (2) SHORTAGE OF GROUND WATER POSING CON-  
STRAINTS TO AGRICULTURE, (3) SHORTAGE OF TRAINED MANPOWER.  
POINTED OUT IMPORTANCE OF INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION  
AND DIVERSIFYING ECONOMIES. NOTED IMPORTANCE TO THESE  
COUNTRIES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE COOPERATIVE FISHERIES  
SURVEY IN THE GULF. CITED REASONS GOVERNING COUNCIL  
APPROVAL BEING REQUESTED FOR TWO COUNTRY PROJECTS.  
SYRIAN PROJECT REPRESENTS (1) LARGEST AMOUNT OF UNDP  
FUNDING EVER GIVEN SINGLE COUNTRY PROJECT, AND (2)  
FIRST UNDP PETROLEUM PROJECT WHERE DRILLING WILL BE  
UNDERTAKEN; BUT MAKIEDO EMPHASIZED THAT PROJECT OBJECTIVE WAS  
TRAINING OF SYRIAN CADRES NOT, REPEAT NOT, EXPLORATION.  
EGYPTIAN PROJECT REFERRED TO COUNCIL BECAUSE LARGE  
AND INVOLVED UNUSUAL METHOD OF PROJECT EXECUTION;  
NAMELY, FUNDS BEING MADE AVAILABLE DIRECTLY TO GOVERN-  
MENT OF EGYPT TO FINANCE FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS  
OF CONTRACTS ALREADY EXECUTED BY GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT.  
FOR AREA MASTER PLAN STUDIES FOR RECONSTRUCTION SUEZ  
CANAL REGION. HOWEVER, UNDP WOULD BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED  
IN PROGRESS OF PROJECT. MAKIEDO SAID TWO PROJECTS ILLUSTRATED  
EMERGING TREND INCREASED CONCENTRATION UNDP RESOURCES  
THOSE AREAS IDENTIFIED BY GOVERNMENTS AS HIGH PRIORITY  
TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

4. COUNTRY INTERVENTIONS--TWENTY SEVEN DELEGATIONS  
INTERVENED IN DISCUSSING CP'S AND PROJECTS. MOROCCO,  
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FRANCE, KUWAIT AND OTHERS COMMENDED APPROPRIATENESS OF  
SECTORAL CONCENTRATION, EMPHASIS ON TRAINING AND HUMAN  
RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT, AND EFFORTS TO ADAPT CP'S  
TO NATIONAL PRIORITIES, OFTEN IN ABSENCE OF FORMAL  
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN. US. DEL (EVENS) NOTED ONLY  
ONE OF FIVE COUNTRIES WHOSE CP'S NOW BEING DISCUSSED  
HAD DEVELOPMENT PLAN, AND SUGGESTED UNDP UNIQUELY  
QUALIFIED ASSIST WHERE REQUESTED IN EFFORTS STRENGTHEN

CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND PREPARE COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLANS. COMMENDED EMPHASIS ON KEY AREAS OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ESPECIALLY AS MEANS TO PROVIDE PRODUCTIVE ALTERNATIVES TO ECONOMIES NOW OVERWHELMINGLY RELIANT ON INCOME FROM OIL EXPORTS. ALSO COMMENDED COOPERATIVE FISHERIES SURVEY PROJECT AS IMPORTANT TO THE FOUR GULF STATES; SAID US. FAVORED INCREASE IN REGIONAL PROJECTS IN SECOND PROGRAMMING CYCLE. NOTED ONE OF FIVE COUNTRIES ALREADY NET CONTRIBUTOR TO UNDP. URGED, IN ORDER ENSURE OPTIMUM USE LIMITED UNDP RESOURCES, THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT UPPER END PER CAPITA INCOME SCALE FOREGO FUTURE UNDP FINANCING OR AT MINIMUM BECOME NET CONTRIBUTORS. ALSO URGED MAXIMUM USE OF COST SHARING ARRANGEMENTS AND SUGGESTED UNDP EXPLORE POSSIBILITY PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON COST REIMBURSABLE BASIS IN COUNTRIES PREPARED VOLUNTARILY TO FOREGO FURTHER UNDP FINANCING. NOTED HIGH COST OF THE TWO SPECIAL COUNTRY PROJECTS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL, AND STATED SUPPORT BOTH PROJECTS IN CONTEXT THAT MODALITIES THESE PROJECTS CLEARLY EXCEPTIONAL, PERTAIN TO PARTICULAR SITUATIONS THOSE TWO COUNTRIES AND DO NOT, REPEAT NOT, SET ANY PRECEDENTS FOR FUTURE. FRG STRONGLY URGED INCREASE IN NUMBER NET CONTRIBUTORS AND EXPANSION OF COST SHARING; ALSO STRESSED FRG APPROVAL TWO COUNTRY PROJECTS BASED ON UNDERSTAND BOTH PROJECTS EXCEPTIONAL AND NOT, REPEAT NOT, PRECEDENTS FOR FUTURE. EGYPTIAN OBSERVER DESCRIBED IMPORTANCE CANAL ZONE PROJECT TO HIS COUNTRY'S RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS, AND THANKED UNDP FOR ITS ASSISTANCE

5. MAKIEDO THANKED DELEGATIONS FOR THEIR CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS. RE MATTER OF NET CONTRIBUTOR STATUS, UNCLASSIFIED

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MAKIEDO SAID ADMINISTRATOR CONTINUING ACTIVELY APPROACH GOVERNMENTS THIS REGARD AS WELL AS TO INCREASE COST SHARING. EMPHASIZED UNDP INTENTION PERUSE THESE MEASURES AS WELL AS EXPLORE FULLY ADDITIONAL MEANS FOR MAXIMIZING USE FINANCIAL RESOURCES. MAKIEDO STATED, IN RESPONSE PREVIOUS COMMENTS CHINA AND DAHOMEY, THAT ALBANIA CP TO BE MORE COMPREHENSIVE IN SECOND PROGRAMMING CYCLE INCLUDING IPF FIVE TIMES SIZE PRESENT ONE. REITERATED STATEMENT IN ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION ON CANAL ZONE PROJECT THAT PROJECT EXCEPTIONAL AND NOT, REPEAT NOT, PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE ACTION.

6 ALL FIVE CP'S AND TWO SPECIAL COUNTRY PROJECTS APPROVED AT JANUARY 16 PLENARY SESSION. US. MISSION FIELD COMMENTS CP'S ESPECIALLY SUEFUL US. REVIEW THESE

PROGRAMMES.

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